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MISSOULA.....

The University of Montana Grizzlies bowed out of the Big Sky title chase with two losses last weekend, but their part in the league race is far from being done.

In the short span of 26 hours, Montana dropped the role of longshot contender and assumed the role of spoiler in the Conference basketball race. Friday night Boise State saddled Montana with its fourth loss in league play by a 74-69 count and Idaho State retained its hopes of gaining the league crown by whipping the Grizzlies, 80-58, the next night.

Only Idaho State and Montana State, both with 6-3 conference records, have a chance at catching the frontrunning Wildcats of Weber State. All three teams have a game remaining with the fourth-place Grizzlies. The Bengals of ISU invade Montana this weekend, facing the Bobcats Friday night and the Grizzlies Saturday night.

The following weekend Weber comes to the Big Sky country to face the Grizzlies Friday night and the Bobcats Saturday. Montana closes its season against the Bobcats March 1 in Bozeman.

Montana would like nothing better than to spoil the title aspirations of the top three clubs, while making a drive for the runnerup spot in the final standings.

First the Grizzlies must host Boise State's Broncos Friday night. The Grizzlies have lost three straight games to the Broncos and they are the only Big Sky team that UM coach Jud Heathcote has not beaten during his two-year stint at the helm. Boise overcame a seven point halftime deficit in beating Montana in Boise, Idaho, last Friday.

Last year, Boise threw in a long shot at the final buzzer to edge the Grizzlies, 73-71, in Missoula and then trounced the Tips, 94-63, in Boise. In six meetings between the two schools, Montana has only one victory, a 104-85 decision two years ago.

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## SPOILERS ROLE--2

Saturday night's meeting with the Bengals should be a hard-fought affair. Idaho State has a big, rugged club that is aggressive and tough on the boards. Last week's meeting was marred by a fight in the closing moments.

The two teams split their home-and-home series last year, with ISU winning, 66-55, in Pocatello and UM winning, 64-62, in Missoula.

Idaho State is 14-6 overall and tied with MSU for second in the Big Sky standings. Montana is 4-5 in league play and 10-11 for the season. Boise State shares fifth in the Big Sky standings with a 3-6 record. The Broncos are 9-12 overall.

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## 1972-73 GRIZZLY BASKETBALL STATS

10 Wins 11 Losses

4-5 in Big Sky Play

Player	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF	Pts.	Avg.	High
Mike Murray	21	136-272	.500	55-80	.688	45	2.1	31-1	327	15.6	29
Ken McKenzie	21	109-253	.431	47-78	.603	200	9.6	78-6	265	12.6	23
Eric Hays	12	32-67	.478	31-36	.861	29	2.4	25-3	95	7.9	23
Earl Tye	21	61-122	.500	28-33	.848	136	6.5	64-3	150	7.1	16
Larry Smedley	19	54-120	.450	23-33	.697	85	4.5	36	131	6.9	17
Robin Selvig	12	29-79	.367	12-17	.706	28	2.3	35-3	70	5.8	12
Dale Parker	21	49-101	.485	15-21	.714	66	3.1	48-3	113	5.4	16
Kevin Rocheleau	16	23-56	.411	10-15	.667	13	0.8	23	56	3.5	13
Mark Nord	20	21-49	.429	8-16	.500	24	1.2	34-1	50	2.5	9
Cris Anderson	20	13-35	.371	4-8	.500	20	1.0	12	30	1.5	6
Blake Lyman	9	6-11	.545	2-3	.667	4	0.4	8	14	1.6	6
Carnail Banks	8	3-6	.500	4-4	1.000	2	0.3	6	10	1.3	4
Tom Peck	14	6-20	.300	3-5	.600	6	0.4	7	15	1.1	6
Scott Hollenbeck	18	8-26	.308	3-7	.429	26	1.4	12	19	1.1	5
Team 112											
UM	21	550-1217	.451	246-357	.689	796	37.9	409-20	1346	64.1	75
OPP.	21	511-1262	.404	300-439	.683	871	41.4	419-10	1322	62.9	80

UM	OPPONENT	OPP.	SITE	Top UM Scorer	Top UM Rebounder
75	Morningside	44	Missoula	Murray 29	McKenzie 12
71	Stout State	60	Missoula	McKenzie 23	McKenzie 9
44	*Puget Sound	67	Tacoma, Wash.	Murray 10	Parker 8
74	*Portland State (OT)	76	Tacoma, Wash.	Murray 26	McKenzie 13
72	Washington State	49	Missoula	McKenzie 20	Tye 7
58	Wyoming	49	Missoula	Murray 22	McKenzie 10
75	Cal. State-Hayward	62	Missoula	Murray 18	Smedley 11
62	Oregon State	79	Corvallis, Ore.	Murray 16	McKenzie 11
73	C. of Great Falls	52	Missoula	Parker, Tye 16	McKenzie 16
48	**Weber State	61	Ogden, Utah	Murray 17	McKenzie 8
70	**Northern Arizona	62	Flagstaff, Ariz.	Hays 20	Tye 13
70	Southern Colorado	72	Pueblo, Colo.	Murray 25	McKenzie, Tye 9
54	Air Force	69	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Murray 19	McKenzie, Hays 5
65	**Montana State	70	Missoula	McKenzie 22	McKenzie 11
59	Washington	77	Missoula	McKenzie 16	McKenzie 9
57	**Gonzaga	54	Missoula	McKenzie 16	McKenzie 9
66	**Idaho	50	Missoula	Murray 19	McKenzie 13
57	**Gonzaga (OT)	60	Spokane, Wash.	Parker 13	McKenzie 9
69	**Idaho	55	Moscow, Idaho	Hays 23	Three with 6
69	**Boise State	74	Boise, Idaho	Tye 13	McKenzie 16
58	**Idaho State	80	Pocatello, Idaho	Murray, McKenzie 12	McKenzie 7

\*Daffodil Classic

\*\*Big Sky Conference game